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North Dakota Agricultural Prices

The Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products in December is 120 percent of the 1990-1992 base, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistical Service, North Dakota Field Office. This is down 1 percent from last year and unchanged from two years ago. The All Crops Index, at 112 percent of the base, is down 4 percent from December 2004 while the All Livestock Index, at 147 percent, is up 10 percent from last year. December indexes are calculated using preliminary mid-month prices.

The November Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products, recalculated with full month prices, was 122 percent of the base, down 2 percent from November 2004. The All Crops Index, at 114 percent, was down 7 percent from the previous year while the All Livestock Index, at 146 percent, was up 10 percent.

Preliminary December prices, followed by the change from November:

- Spring Wheat, \$3.70 per bushel, up 6 cents;
- Durum Wheat, \$3.25 per bushel, up 7 cents;
- Feed Barley, \$1.45 per bushel, down 7 cents;
- Malting Barley, \$2.30 per bushel, down 3 cents;
- Corn, \$1.75 per bushel, up 5 cents;
- Soybeans, \$5.40 per bushel, up 5 cents;
- Flaxseed, \$5.80 per bushel, down 14 cents;
- Oil Sunflower, \$10.70 per hundredweight (cwt.), down 60 cents;
- Non-Oil Sunflower, \$16.90 per hundredweight (cwt.), down 60 cents;
- All Dry Edible Beans, \$14.60 per cwt., down 40 cents;
- All Potatoes, \$6.70 per cwt., up 5 cents;
- Alfalfa Hay, \$54.00 per ton, unchanged;
- Other Hay, \$37.00 per ton, down \$2.00;
- Steers and Heifers, \$121.00 per cwt., down \$2.00;
- Cows, \$51.00 per cwt., unchanged;
- Calves, \$140.00 per cwt., unchanged.

November whole month prices, with no preliminary December, followed by the change from October:

- Canola, \$9.39 per cwt., down 9 cents;
- Pinto Beans, \$14.60 per cwt., down \$1.00;
- Navy Beans, \$17.40 per cwt., down \$1.20;
- Fresh Potatoes, \$9.60 per cwt., up 20 cents;
- Potatoes for Processing, \$5.30 per cwt., up 35 cents;
- Hogs, \$44.30 per cwt., down \$3.80;
- Lambs, \$115.00 per cwt., up \$2.00;
- Sheep, \$46.00 per cwt., up \$1.00.

December prices are preliminary and based on sales data for only part of the month. They will be replaced with whole month prices in next month's report. November prices are based on sales data for the entire month.

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**Index Numbers of Farm Prices
North Dakota and United States, December 2005**

Indexes and Ratios	North Dakota			United States		
	Dec 2004	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Dec 2004	Nov 2005	Dec 2005
Prices Received	<i>(1990-92 = 100)</i>					
All Farm Products	121	122	120	111	113	114
Crops	117	114	112	104	105	109
Food Grains	116	124	124	113	115	116
Feed Grains & Hay	104	95	96	93	83	89
Oil Bearing Crops ^{1/}	120	118	109	100	98	101
Potatoes & Dry Beans ^{2/}	124	111	110	101	106	111
Livestock	134	146	147	120	121	119
Meat Animals	136	150	152	118	120	121
Dairy Products	137	131	137	126	116	113
Other Livestock Products ^{3/}	113	113	113	118	127	123
Prices Paid	NA	NA	NA	134	143	143
Ratio ^{4/}	NA	NA	NA	83	79	80

*1/ Includes non-oil sunflower. 2/ North Dakota includes sugarbeets. 3/ United States excludes wool. 4/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received to Index of Prices Paid.
NA=Not applicable.*

**Prices Received by Farmers
North Dakota and United States, December 2005**

Item	Unit	North Dakota			United States			Effective U.S. Parity Price Dec 2005
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary	
		Dec 2004	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Dec 2004	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Wheat, All	Bu	3.36	3.53	3.61	3.40	3.47	3.47	10.60
Durum	Bu	3.62	3.18	3.25	3.67	3.25	3.33	NA
Other Spring	Bu	3.33	3.64	3.70	3.48	3.73	3.71	NA
Winter	Bu	2.62	2.82	1/	3.34	3.29	3.30	NA
Corn	Bu	1.85	1.70	1.75	2.04	1.77	1.88	7.08
Oats	Bu	1.26	1.52	1/	1.60	1.63	1.73	4.20
Barley, All	Bu	2.23	2.05	2.00	2.49	2.64	2.54	7.17
Feed	Bu	1.47	1.52	1.45	1.66	1.77	1.70	NA
Malting	Bu	2.44	2.33	2.30	2.74	2.93	2.86	NA
Sunflower, All	Cwt	13.70	12.80	11.90	13.40	12.30	11.30	NA
Oil	Cwt	12.90	11.30	10.70	NA	NA	NA	NA
Non-oil	Cwt	17.20	17.50	16.90	NA	NA	NA	NA
Baled Hay, All ^{2/}	Ton	56.00	50.00	49.00	86.00	91.70	92.00	NA
Alfalfa ^{2/}	Ton	61.00	54.00	54.00	92.10	97.50	97.70	NA
Other ^{2/}	Ton	45.00	39.00	37.00	72.40	76.30	78.00	NA
Canola	Cwt	9.90	9.39	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Flaxseed	Bu	8.42	5.94	5.80	8.42	5.93	5.80	14.30
Soybeans	Bu	5.50	5.35	5.40	5.45	5.62	5.71	17.10
Dry Edible Beans, All	Cwt	26.60	15.00	14.60	27.00	18.30	18.60	53.60
Navy	Cwt	24.00	17.40	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pinto	Cwt	27.70	14.60	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes, All	Cwt	5.95	6.65	6.70	5.36	6.31	6.60	15.90
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt	6.40	9.60	NA	5.56	8.52	NA	NA
Processing	Cwt	5.70	5.30	NA	5.23	4.87	NA	NA
Beef Cattle	Cwt	98.60	108.00	111.00	86.80	91.30	92.70	184.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	108.00	123.00	121.00	91.90	97.30	99.10	NA
Cows	Cwt	49.10	51.00	51.00	48.60	46.00	46.60	NA
Calves	Cwt	120.00	140.00	140.00	122.00	133.00	135.00	249.00
Sheep	Cwt	40.00	46.00	NA	44.60	45.40	NA	89.80
Lambs	Cwt	108.00	115.00	NA	101.00	107.00	NA	223.00
Hogs	Cwt	52.90	44.30	NA	52.40	43.60	45.50	114.00

1/ Insufficient sales to establish a price. 2/ Alfalfa, other and all hay are preliminary prices only. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock. NA=Not applicable.

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